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R. McAbee, President  
CalMat Co.  
3200 San Fernando Rd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Re: General Notice Letter/104(e) for the San Fernando Valley/North Hollywood  
Superfund Site  
North Hollywood, California

Dear Mr. McAbee:

Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), commonly known as the federal "Superfund" law, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is responsible for responding to the release or threat of release of hazardous substances and pollutants or contaminants into the environment—that is, for stopping further contamination from occurring and for cleaning up or otherwise addressing any contamination that has already occurred. EPA has documented that hazardous substances and pollutants or contaminants were released at the San Fernando Valley Area 1 site, North Hollywood Operable Unit ("NHOU" or "the Site"), located in Los Angeles County, California. EPA has spent public funds to investigate and control releases of hazardous substances or potential releases of hazardous substances at the Site. As you know, EPA previously determined that CalMat Company (the "Company"), may be responsible under Superfund for cleanup of the Site or costs EPA has incurred in cleaning up the Site.

**Explanation of Potential Liability**

Under CERCLA, specifically Sections 106(a) and 107(a), potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") may be required to perform cleanup actions to protect the public health, welfare, or the environment. PRPs may also be responsible for costs incurred by EPA in cleaning up the Site. PRPs include current owners or operators of a site, former owners or operators during disposal, as well as persons who arranged for treatment and/or disposal of any hazardous substances found at the site and persons who accepted hazardous substances for transport and selected the site to which the hazardous substances were delivered.